

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 12, line 21, please amend the paragraph starting on as follows:

Referring now to the preprocessing phase 100, the first step is to register a data source 18 with the schema registry 22 on the server 20 via a Web interface 32. As described above, an operator provides a schema definition for the data source 18 by entering tag information regarding the schema in a table. Thereafter, a schema generator 150 uses the information to specify the syntax and semantics of the data source 18 in an XML schema definition 152. A DTD generator 156 generates a Document Type Definition (DTD) 154 that closely matches the data source 18 registered with the schema registry 22.

The DTD 154, once constructed, is managed by a database integrator application 158-168 and is used to validate incoming XML files 34. In a preferred embodiment, the DTD 154 includes a mandatory set of default tags, which facilitate the integration of the new data source into the FAC 16.